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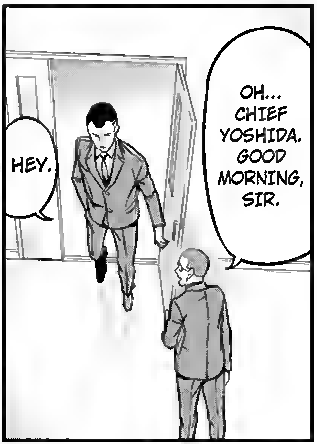

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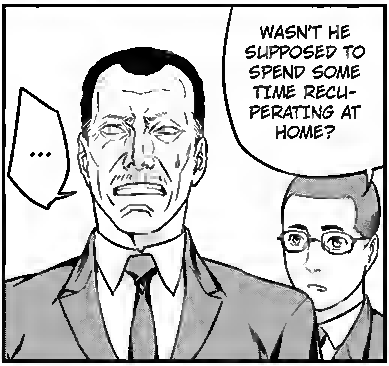

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SHUDDAP!
CHIEF AKA-TSUKI...
THAT'S ENOUGH! GET GOING, C'MON!
SHOO!
YOU LOOK HAPPY ABOUT THAT, THOUGH.
JEEZ, THEY'RE MAKING SUCH A BIG DEAL OF IT...
ONCE I WAS ABLE TO MOVE AROUND, I JUST COULDN'T BEAR TO SIT ON MY ASS AT HOME.
YEAH...
THAT WAS A QUICK RECOV-ERY.

BOSS ...
TAP
I HEARD FROM THE DOCTOR THAT YOU WERE IN BAD SHAPE.
I'M HARD TO KILL.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, DAD.
IF YOU CAN WALK, THEN GO SEE THEM.
...
I'VE HAD A NUMBER OF CALLS FROM CLIENTS WORRYING ABOUT YOUR HEALTH.
...

I-I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE, TOO.
CON-GRATS ON YOUR RECOV-ERY...
TAP
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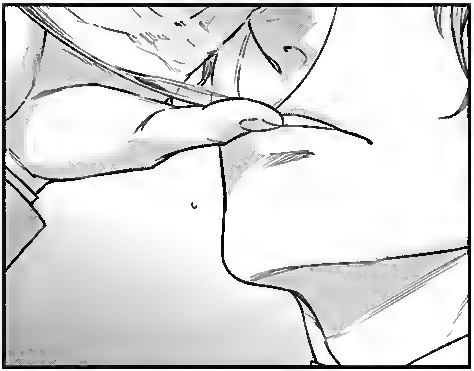
WE'RE GOING OUT, KOUTA-ROU.
IT'S TIME FOR SOME LONG-AWAITED SOCIAL CALLS.
YES, SIR ...
IF I GO FOR HIM NOW AND FAIL, THEN EVERYONE IN THE COMPANY WHO KNOWS ABOUT HIS RECOVERY WILL BE SUSPICIOUS...
BUT I WILL CRUSH HIM EVENTUALLY... HAVE FUN AND FLAUNT IT WHILE YOU STILL CAN!



AW, YEAH!
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A DRINK AFTER WORK!

AREN'T YOU FRESH OUT OF THE HOSPITAL?
DON'T BE A WET BLANKET!
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THE HOSPITAL WAS A LIFE OF ABSTINENCE!
WE'RE CELEBRATING MY RECOVERY, SO LET'S GO ALL OUT!
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SORRY WE DIDN'T CONTACT YOU RIGHT AWAY.
WE'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND LIKE HEADLESS CHICKENS TRYING TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS
ENOUGH JUST TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.
THE HOST WE PAID TO SEDUCE KUROKI'S SISTER FUCKED IT UP.
THINGS WERE FINE UP UNTIL HE TOOK HER TO THE LOVE HOTEL. HE APPARENTLY SCREWED UP AND ENDED UP OVERDOSING HER.
WE'VE GOT THE CLUB OWNER AND THE HOST, SO DON'T WORRY.
YOU FOOLS ...

...YOU REALLY ARE A PACK OF USELESS FOOLS!
HEY, HEY, CALM DOWN.

CAN'T YOU DEAL WITH THOSE TWO?!
WHAT'LL YOU DO IF THEY RUN?!
I CAN'T TELL HIM THE HOST ALREADY GOT AWAY...
...I'LL HANDLE IT.

THE POLICE INVESTIGATION HASN'T CONTACTED EITHER OF THEM.
AND THAT'S BECAUSE I GET THINGS DONE BEFORE THEY CAUSE TROUBLE FOR YOU.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO FIND OUT ABOUT KUROKI BY ASKING HIS FAMILY! WHAT A CRAP MOVE THIS HAS TURNED INTO!
YOU'VE ALREADY CAUSED ME TONS OF TROUBLE!

YOU'RE STRAIGHT-LACED, AS USUAL.
IF SOMEONE TRIES TO ATTACK YOU AGAIN WHILE YOU'RE IN THAT STATE, IT'S OVER.
HEY, KOUTAROU. LET'S GO TO ANOTHER BAR.
WE CAN'T. YOU'RE STILL NOT FULLY RE-COVERED.
KYOUSUKE DOESN'T FAIL TO NOTICE EVEN THE SMALLEST HINT THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG.